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Ann..... see below for response back from TCEQ on lab question....



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Answer from lab accreditation

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Subject: RE: The ENVL has a question for the State of Texas

Gary,

The TCEQ grants reciprocity, what NELAP calls secondary accreditation, based on primary accreditation from another NELAP accreditation body. However, just because a lab has, say, Florida NELAP accreditation, it does not mean that we will accept their data. The out of state lab has to apply to us, we verify their primary accreditation, and then issue them secondary accreditation based on that primary.

Right now we have 109 out of state laboratories that have secondary accreditation through us.

Just let me know if there are any other questions.

Thanks

Frank

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Will the State accept information from NELAC certified labs that are not Texas certified? Texas certified labs are being overwhelmed. Texas is an accrediting body for NELAP. NELAP is what reviews NELAC. We believe that there should be reciprocity but are not sure. Let me know if this is something you can verify.

Thanks. Ann